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## Bertha 'Millie' Raffi...lived 60 years in Littleton, active town volunteer; 91

LITTLETON — Bertha "Millie" (Powers) Raffi, 91, a 60-year Littleton resident who was a volunteer in town for programs supporting the elderly, died yesterday, Jan. 14, at the Apple Valley Nursing Home in Ayer. She was the wife of the late Robert F. Raffi Sr.

She was born in Marblehead, on July 6, 1912, a daughter of Arthur and Edith (Mallette) Powers. She graduated from Marblehead High School.

Mrs. Raffi was a seamstress and demonstrator for several years at Singer Sewing Machines for several years. She later worked at Raytheon Co. for Defense Department projects during World War II. She became a dietitian and worked in the cafeterias at Civil Defense in Harvard, New England Deaconess and the Littleton school system.

She was a communicant of St. Anne's Church, in Littleton. She also belonged to St. Anne's



Sodality and was a past master of the Littleton Grange. Mrs. Raffi was an active volunteer in town, including programs for Meals On Wheels and the Senior Citizens organization.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Raffi Jr. of Dunstable, and Ronald J. Raffi of Littleton; a daughter, Frances DeNuccio of Milford, N.H. She also leaves two daughters-in-law, Mary Lou Raffi, and Kathy Raffi; a brother, Arthur Powers, a Maine resident; and four grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer Lee, Ronald J. Raffi Jr. and Bobby Raffi.

**RAFFI** — Of Littleton, Bertha "Millie" (Powers) Raffi, January 14. Funeral from the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St., Littleton, on Saturday at 9 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne's Church, Littleton at 10 a.m. Visiting Hours, Friday 5-8 p.m. Burial at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton.